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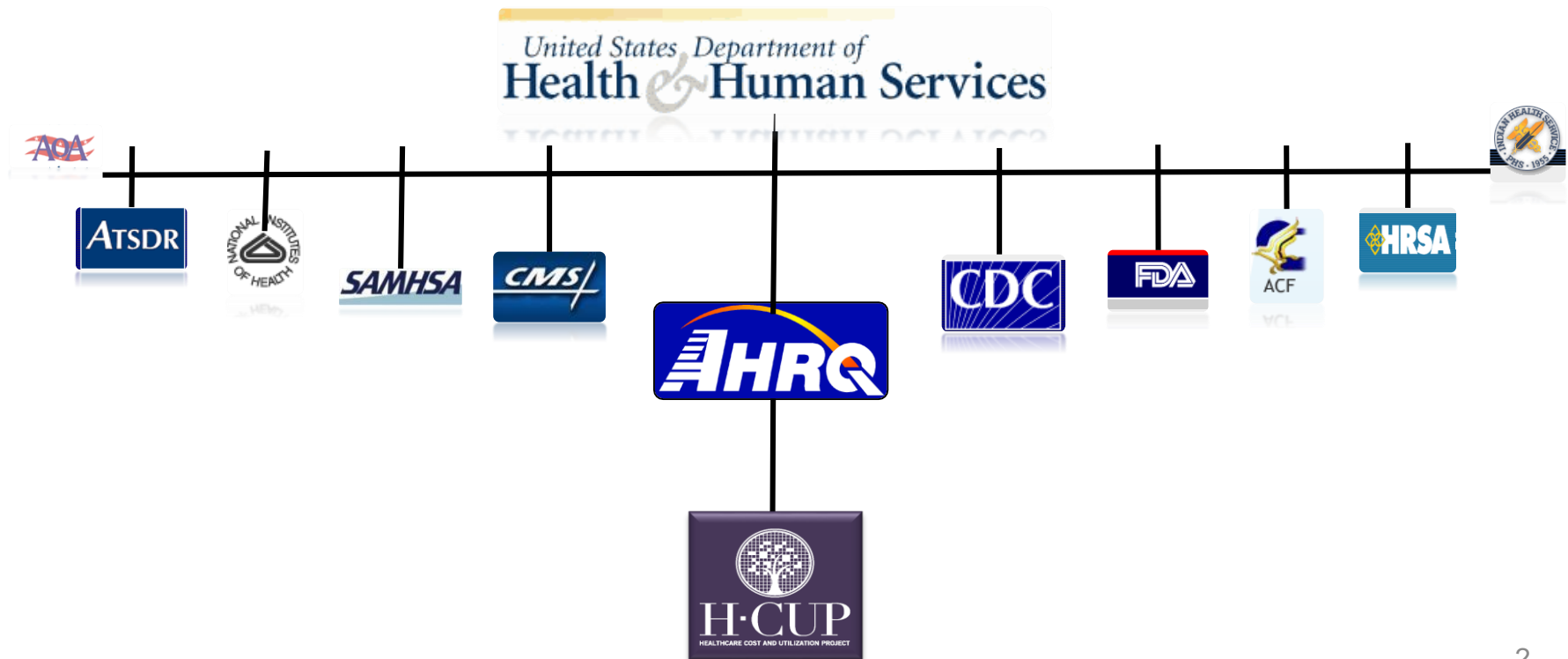
The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)

Tools and Products to Support Health Services Research and Policy Analysis

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What is the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)?

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is a federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services.



- **Brief Database Review**
- **Tools & Software**
- **Supplemental Files**
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Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)



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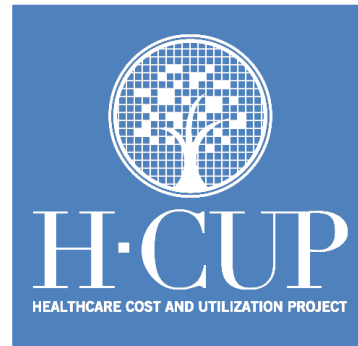
HEALTHCARE COST AND UTILIZATION PROJECT

**THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF MULTI-YEAR,
ALL-PAYER, ENCOUNTER-LEVEL:**

**INPATIENT
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
AMBULATORY SURGERY**

HOSPITAL-BASED ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

HCUP is a comprehensive set of publicly available all-payer health care data



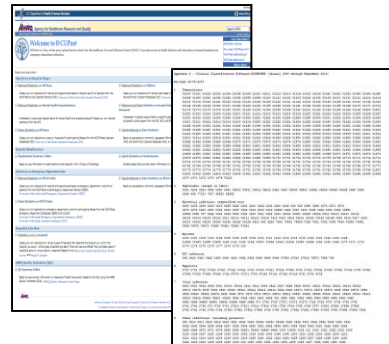
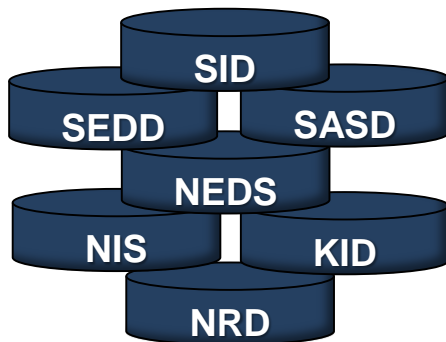
Includes multi-year inpatient and outpatient data, based on the hospital billing record

HCUP
Databases

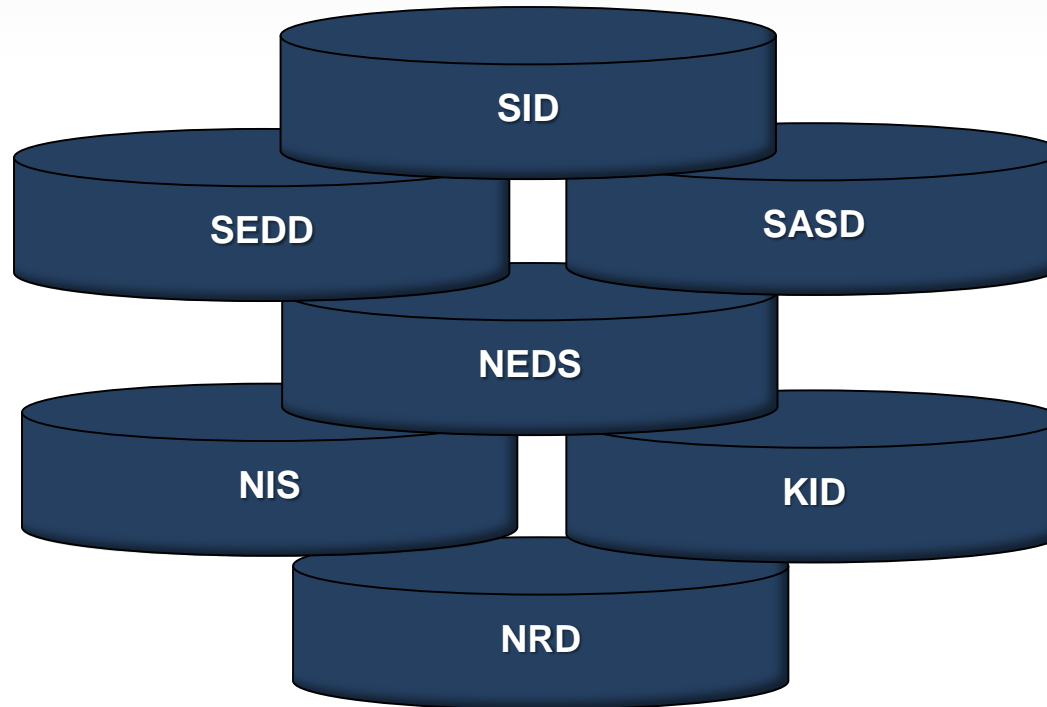
Research
Tools

Research
Publications

User Support



The Core of HCUP: Hospital-Based IP, ED, AS Databases



Inpatient, Emergency Department, and Ambulatory Surgery and Services Databases Based on Hospital Billing Data

HCUP has Seven Types of Databases

- Three State-Specific Databases



State
Inpatient
Databases
(SID)



State
Ambulatory
Surgery &
Services
Databases
(SASD)



State
Emergency
Department
Databases
(SEDD)

- Four National (Nationwide) Databases



National
Inpatient
Sample
(NIS)



Nationwide
Emergency
Department
Sample
(NEDS)



Kids'
Inpatient
Database
(KID)



Nationwide
Readmissions
Database
(NRD)

HCUP State-Specific Databases

State Inpatient Databases (SID)

All inpatient hospital discharge data (including those admissions that started in the ED) from participating HCUP States

State Ambulatory Surgery & Services Databases (SASD)

Ambulatory surgery data (ambulatory surgery and other services from hospital-owned and sometimes nonhospital-owned facilities) from participating HCUP States

State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD)

Emergency department data (treat and release) from participating HCUP States



HCUP National (Nationwide) Databases



National (Nationwide)
Inpatient Sample
(NIS)

Inpatient discharge data for a **sample of discharges from all hospitals** in SID

Kids' Inpatient
Database
(KID)

Pediatric inpatient hospital discharge data from a **sample of pediatric discharges** in SID

Nationwide Emergency
Department Sample
(NEDS)

Emergency department data (treat and release & admitted) from a **sample of hospitals** in SID and SEDD

Nationwide
Readmissions Database
(NRD)

Inpatient discharge data from **all hospitals for SID with verified patient linkage numbers**

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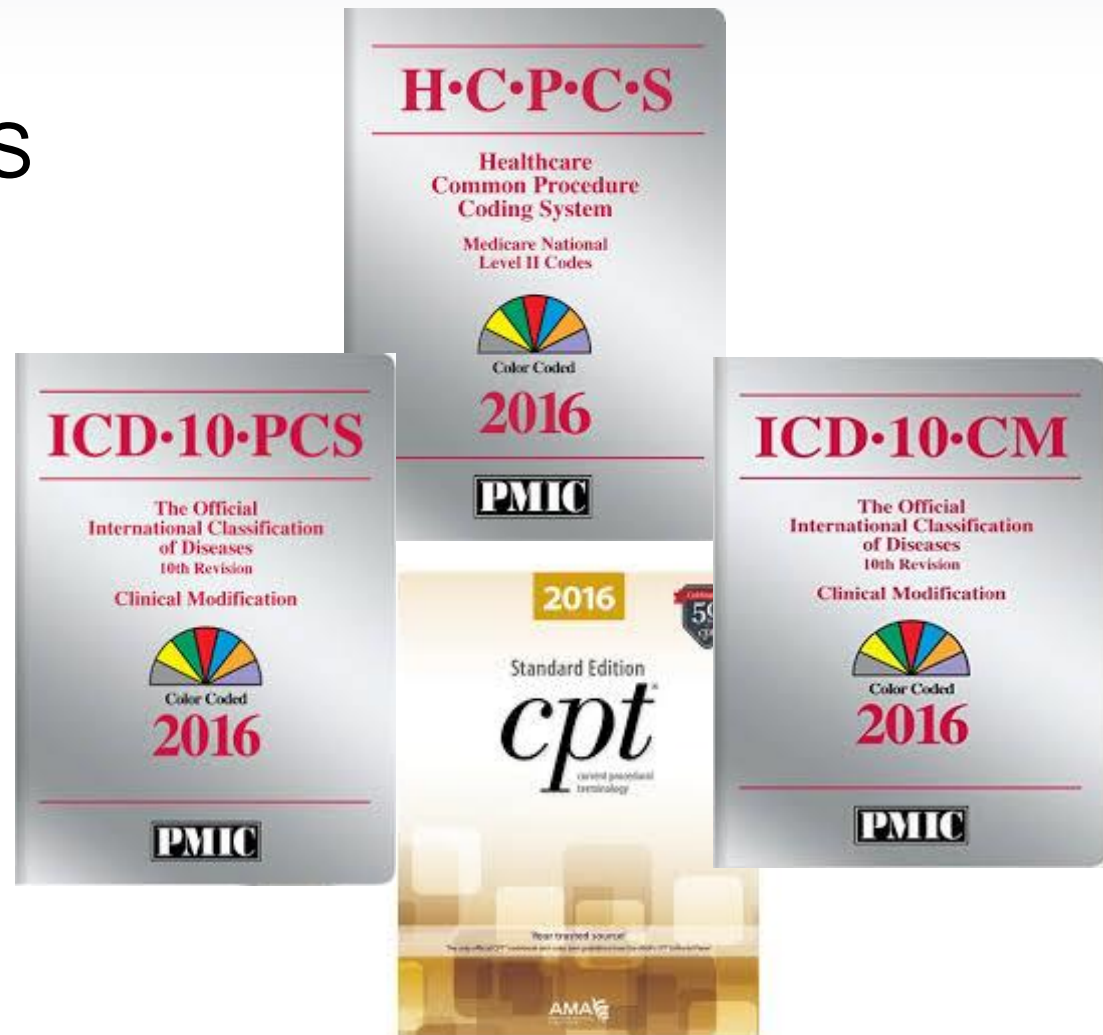
Most HCUP Tools Can be Applied to Any Administrative Database



- Clinical Classifications Software
- Procedure Classes
- Chronic Condition Indicator
- Comorbidity Software
- Utilization Flags
- Surgery Flags
- AHRQ Quality Indicators
 - Prevention Quality Indicators
 - Inpatient Quality Indicators
 - Patient Safety Indicators
 - Pediatric Indicators

Most Tools Based on Medical Coding Classifications

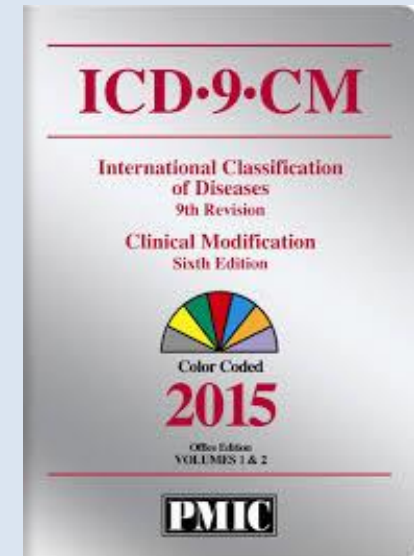
- ICD-9-CM
- ICD-10-CM/PCS
- CPT
- HCPCS
- DRGs
- MDC



- ICD-9-CM
 - ICD-10-CM/PCS
 - CPT
 - HCPCS
- Individual Codes
- DRGs
 - MDC
- Groupers

Which coding system is appropriate for your analysis?

- **ICD-9-CM Procedure Codes**
- **ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes**
- **Included in both inpatient and outpatient databases**



- **ICD-10-CM**
 - ▶ Diagnosis coding under this system uses 3–7 alpha and numeric digits and full code titles
- **ICD-10-PCS**
 - ▶ Procedure coding system uses 7 alpha or numeric digits

Common Procedural Coding System – CPT & HCPCS

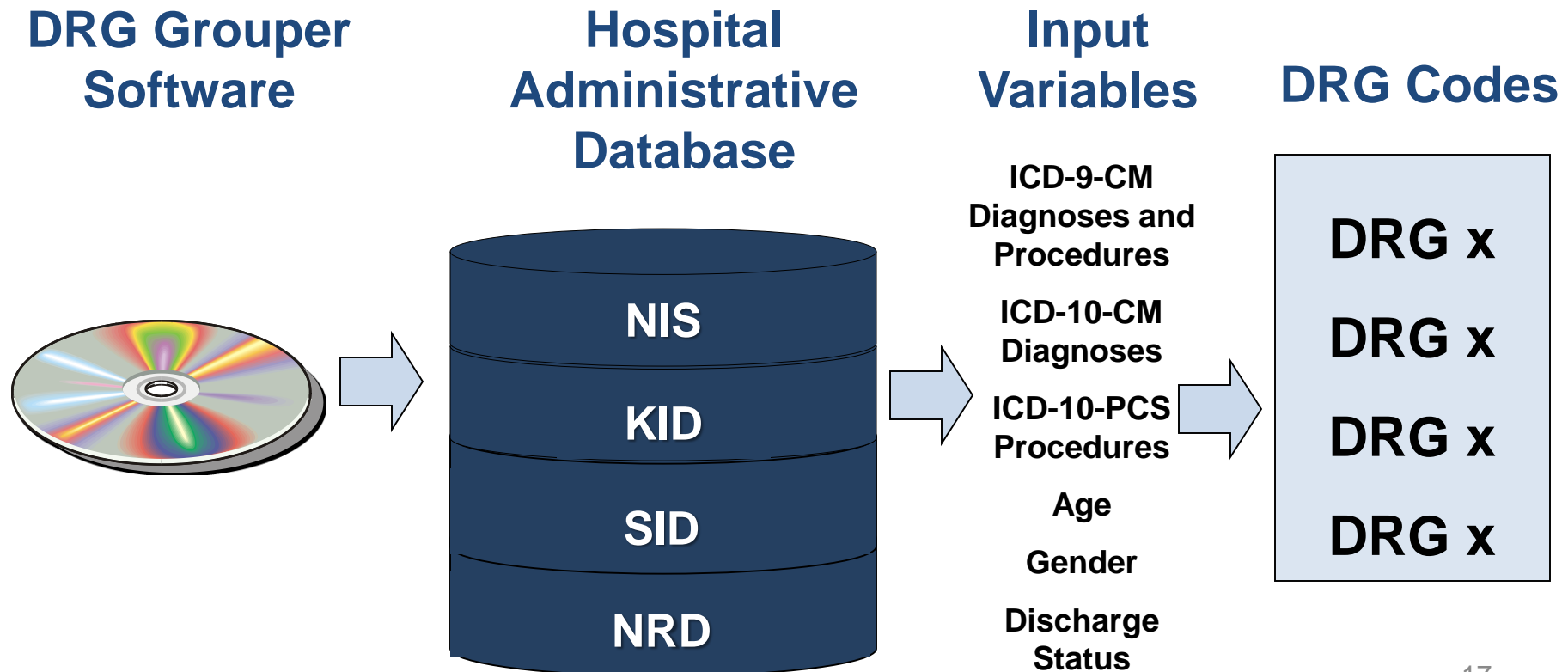
1. CPT
2. HCPCS
3. Local Codes

Levels 1 & 2 are included in outpatient (SEDD and SASD) databases

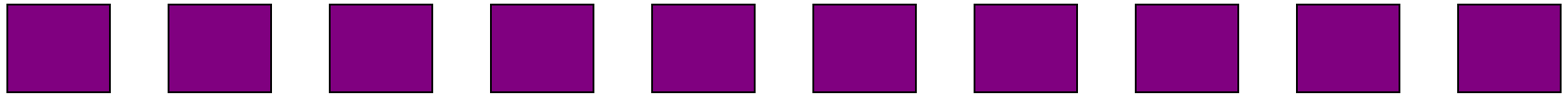


Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs)

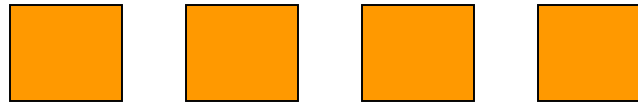
Groups ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM Codes into Clinical/Resource Categories using principal diagnosis, secondary diagnoses, surgical procedures, age, gender, and discharge status of the patients treated



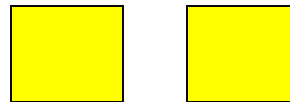
Major Diagnostic Category (MDC)



Over 15,000 ICD-9-CM Codes



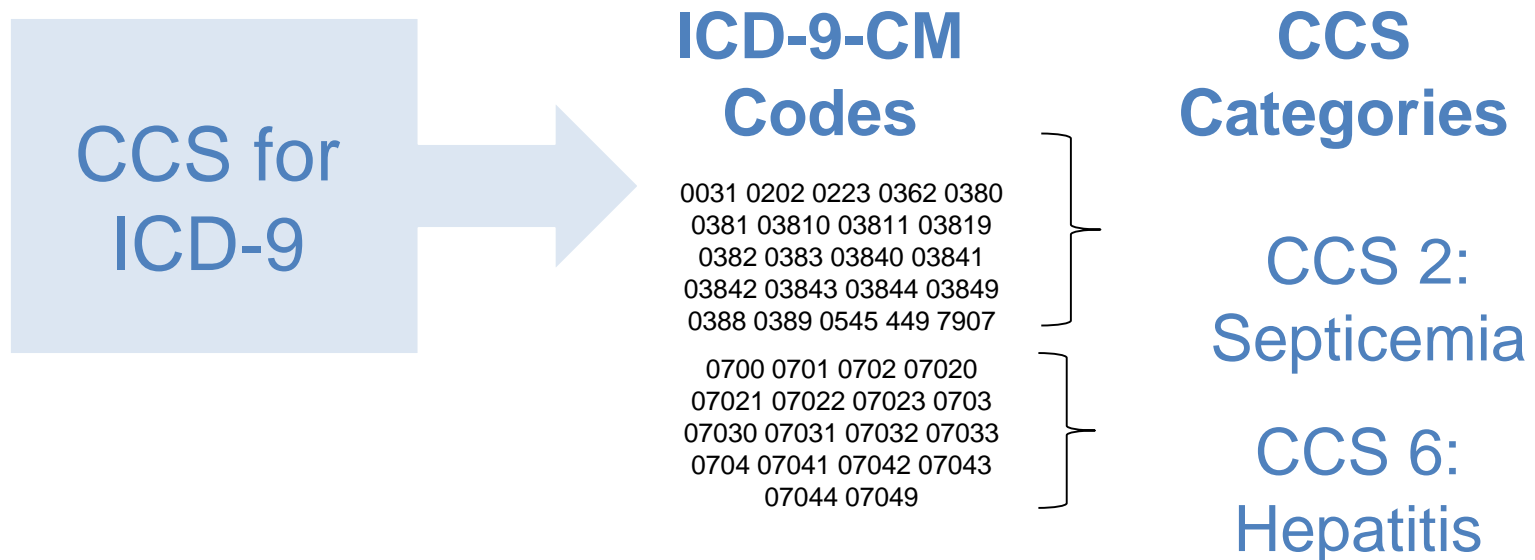
Approximately 500 DRGs



25 MDCs

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS)

- Clusters diagnosis and procedure codes into categories
 - ▶ >14,000 diagnoses codes → 285 categories
 - ▶ > 4,000 procedure codes → 231 categories
- Useful for presenting descriptive statistics, understanding patterns



- ICD-9-CM diagnoses and procedures
 - ▶ Single-level
 - ▶ Multi-level
- ICD-10-CM diagnoses and ICD-10-PCS procedures
 - ▶ Single-level
- ICD-10 for mortality
- Services and Procedures
 - ▶ Common Procedural Terminology (AMA)

What Codes Are Used in HCUP Data Files?

DETAILED CODES

ICD-9-CM

- Diagnoses Codes
- Procedure Codes

CPT

HCPCS

GROUPED CODES

DRG

MDC

CCS

Inpatient Databases

ICD-9-CM

DRG

MDC

CCS

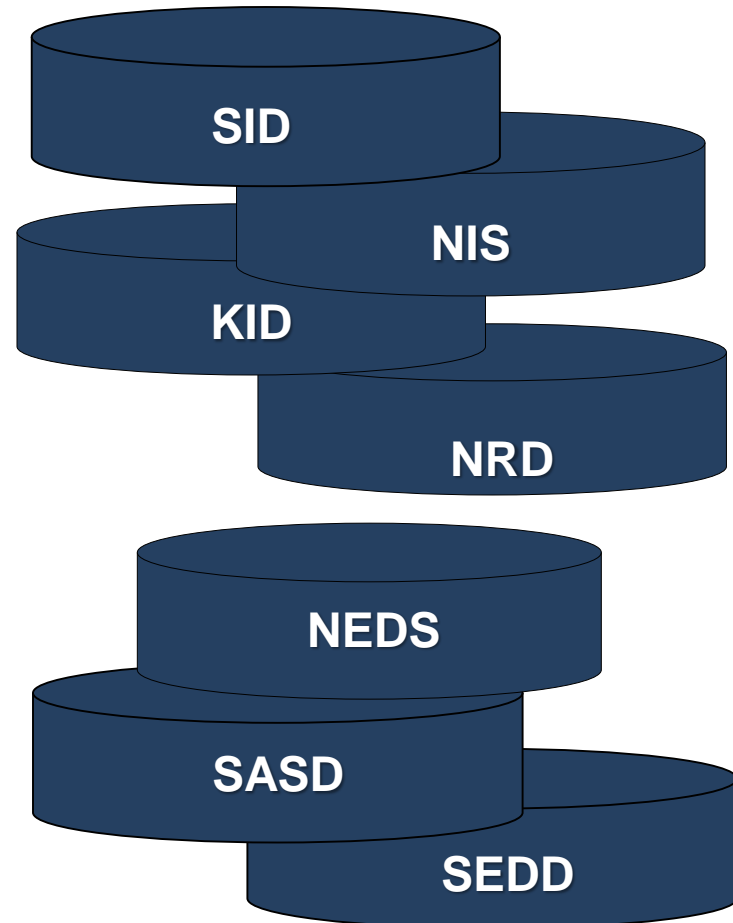
Outpatient Databases

ICD-9-CM

CPT

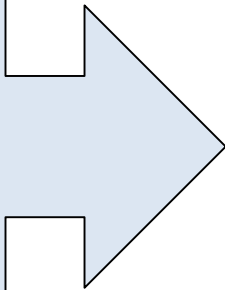
HCPCS

CCS



- Groups procedure codes into one of four categories
 - ▶ ICD-10-PCS
 - ▶ ICD-9-CM procedure codes
- Major procedures defined as OR procedures (DRGs)

ICD-10-PCS
or ICD-9-CM
Procedure
Codes



1. Minor Diagnostic

Ex: Electrocardiogram

2. Minor Therapeutic

Ex: Pacemaker

3. Major Diagnostic

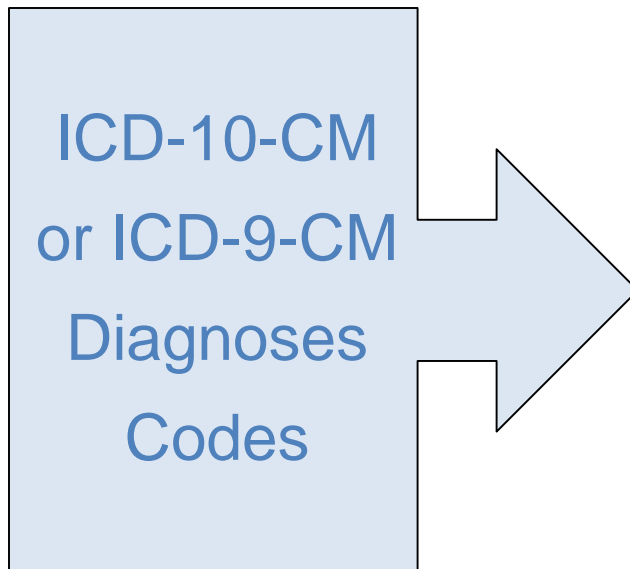
Ex: Pericardial Biopsy

4. Major Therapeutic

Ex: CABG

Chronic Condition Indicator (CCI)

- Groups diagnosis codes into Chronic or Non-Chronic Categories
 - ICD-10-CM diagnoses codes
 - ICD-9-CM diagnoses codes



- **Chronic**
Ex: Diabetes
- **Non-Chronic**
Ex: Food Poisoning

- Creates and appends indicator flags to each record for 29 major comorbidities
 - ▶ ICD-10-CM diagnoses codes
 - ▶ ICD-9-CM diagnoses codes

Comorbidity Software



29 Comorbidity Groups

Valvular disease
Pulm circ disorders
Peripheral vascular dx
Hypertension
Paralysis
Other neuro disorders
Chronic pulmonary dx
DM w/o complications
DM w/ complications
Hypothyroidism
Renal failure
Liver disease ...

- Reveals additional information about the use of health care services
- Primarily uses UB-04 revenue codes, augmented with ICD-9-CM procedure codes

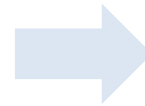
Utilization Flag
Software



UB-04
codes

+

ICD-9-CM
codes



- Emergency Room
- Observation Services/ CT Scan
- Intensive Care Unit

Utilization Flags

Accommodation

Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Coronary Care Unit (CCU)
Newborn Level II	Newborn Level III
Newborn Level IV	

Cardiac Services

Cardiac Catheterization Lab	Cardiac Stress Test
Echocardiogram	Electrocardiogram (EKG)

Imaging and Diagnostic Tests

Computed Tomography (CT) Scan	Chest X-Ray
Electroencephalogram (EEG)	Ultrasound
Magnetic Resonance Technology (MRT)	Nuclear Medicine

Devices

Pacemaker	Other Implants
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Therapeutic Services

Lithotripsy	Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy	Respiratory Therapy
Therapeutic Radiology and Chemotherapy	Renal Dialysis
Speech-Language Pathology	Erythropoietin (EPO)
Mental Health and Substance Abuse	Blood

There are not ICD-9-CM codes for all services. Concern exists that some diagnostic procedures may be under-reported.

- Identifies encounters for surgical procedures in ICD-9-CM or CPT-based inpatient and ambulatory surgery data

1. Narrow

- Invasive therapeutic surgical procedure involving incision, excision, manipulation, or suturing of tissue that penetrates or breaks the skin
 - Typically requires use of an operating room
- Requires regional anesthesia, general anesthesia, or sedation to control pain

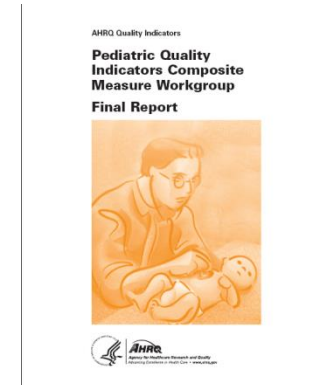
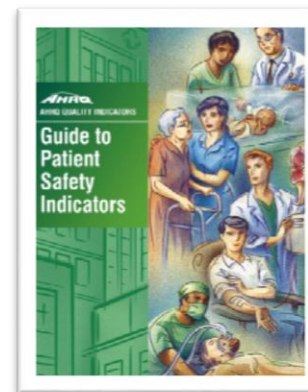
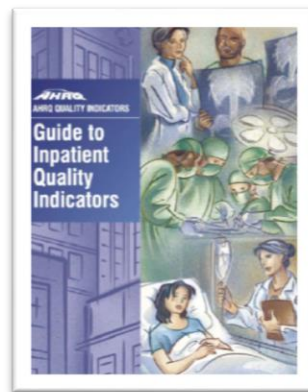
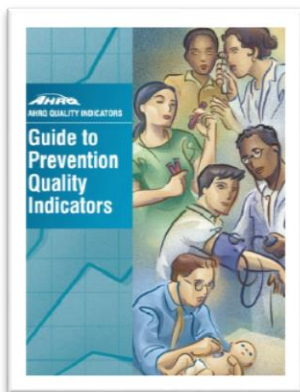
2. Broad

- Includes all narrowly defined surgical procedures as well as a broader group of diagnostic and less invasive therapeutic surgeries

3. Neither Broad nor Narrow

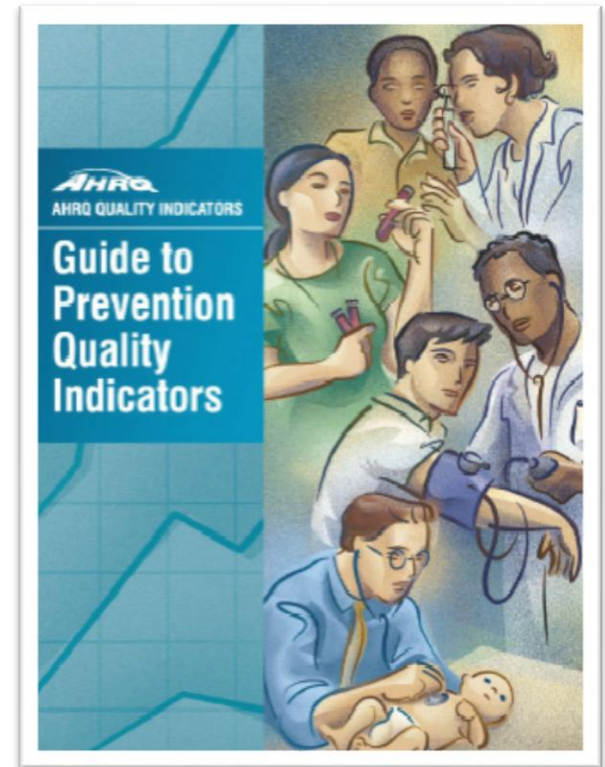
ICD-9-CM
or CPT

- Creates measures of health care quality using inpatient administrative data
 - ▶ 4 Quality Indicators
 1. Prevention Quality Indicators
 2. Inpatient Quality Indicators
 3. Patient Safety Indicators
 4. Pediatric Indicators



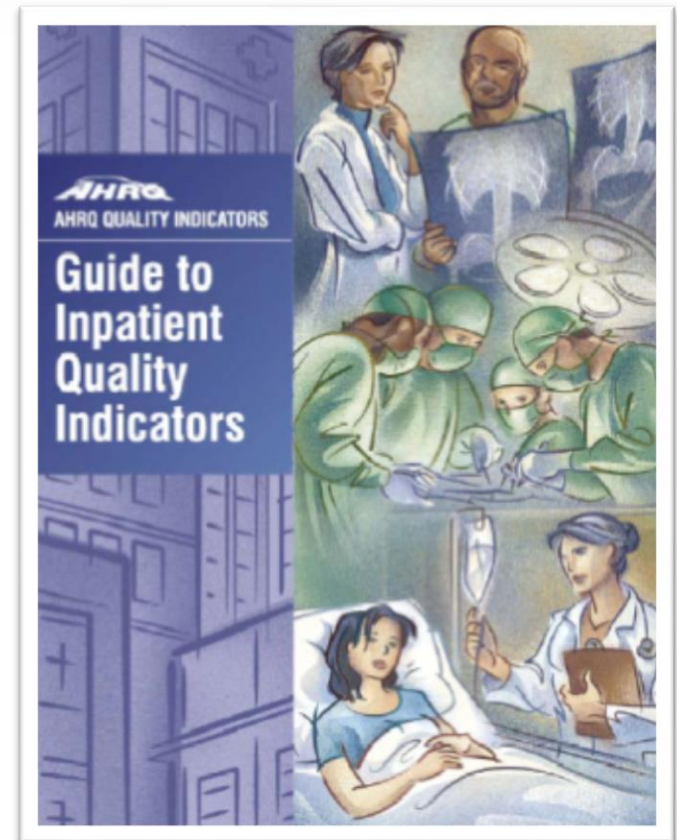
Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs)

- Identify hospital admissions that are potentially preventable through high-quality outpatient care.
- Examples of PQI Measures:
 - ▶ Diabetes Short-term Complication Admission Rate
 - ▶ Diabetes Long-term Complication Admission Rate
 - ▶ Pediatric Asthma Admission Rate
 - ▶ Pediatric Gastroenteritis Admission Rate
 - ▶ Hypertension Admission Rate



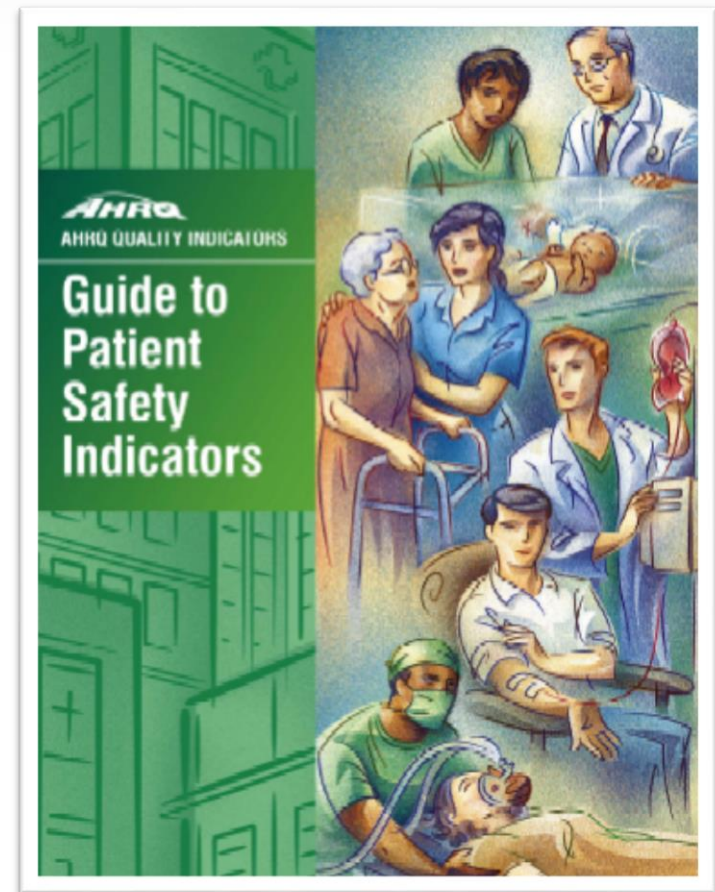
Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQI)

- Reflect quality of care inside hospitals:
 - ▶ Inpatient mortality for medical conditions and surgical procedures
 - ▶ Utilization of procedures
 - ▶ Volume of procedures
- Examples of IQI Measures:
 - ▶ Esophageal Resection Volume
 - ▶ Pneumonia Mortality Rate
 - ▶ Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Mortality Rate
 - ▶ Cesarean Section Delivery Rate



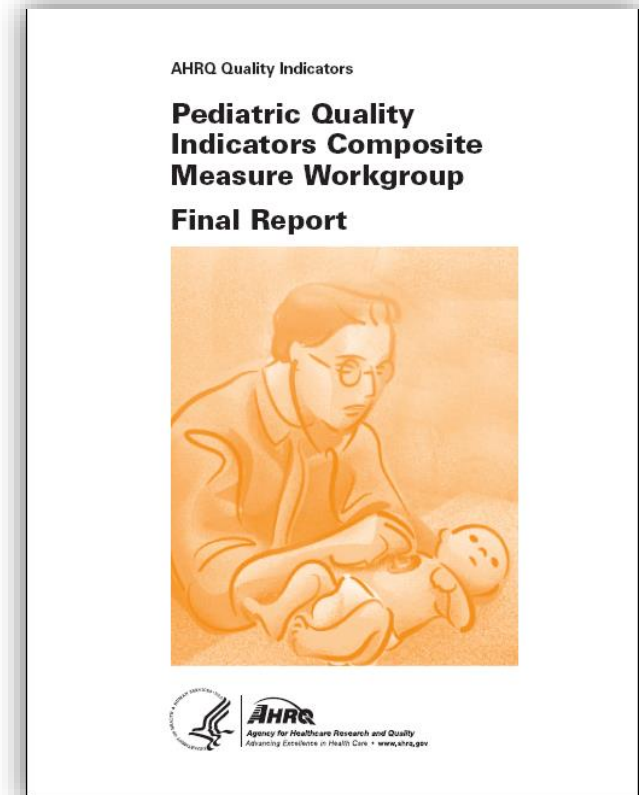
Patient Safety Indicators (PSI)

- Identify potentially avoidable complications and iatrogenic events.
- Examples of PSI Measures:
 - ▶ Complications of Anesthesia
 - ▶ Death in Low-Mortality DRGs
 - ▶ Decubitus Ulcer
 - ▶ Failure to Rescue
 - ▶ Foreign Body Left During Procedure
 - ▶ Iatrogenic Pneumothorax



Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDI)

- Identify potentially avoidable hospitalizations among children.
- Examples of PDI Measures:
 - ▶ Accidental Puncture or Laceration
 - ▶ Decubitus Ulcer
 - ▶ Neonatal mortality
 - ▶ Pediatric Heart Surgery Mortality
 - ▶ Postoperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma





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Prevention Quality Indicators *identify hospital admissions in geographic areas that evidence suggests may have been avoided through access to high-quality outpatient care....* >> More Info

Prevention Quality Indicators

[>> More Info](#)

Inpatient Quality Indicators

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Patient Safety Indicators

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Pediatric Quality Indicators

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Introduction

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has developed an array of health care decision making and research tools that can be used by program managers, researchers, and others at the Federal, State and local levels. The Quality Indicators (QIs) are measures of health care quality that make use of readily available hospital inpatient administrative data. The current AHRQ QI™ modules expand HCUP QIs. The QIs can be used to highlight potential quality concerns, identify areas that need further study and investigation, and track changes over time.

The current AHRQ QI modules represent various aspects of quality: [Prevention Quality Indicators](#), [Inpatient Quality Indicators](#), [Patient Safety Indicators](#), and [Pediatric Quality](#)

Email Sign up

Register to receive email of AHRQ announcements and the availability of new quality indicators:

✉ Sign Up: Quality Indicators email updates

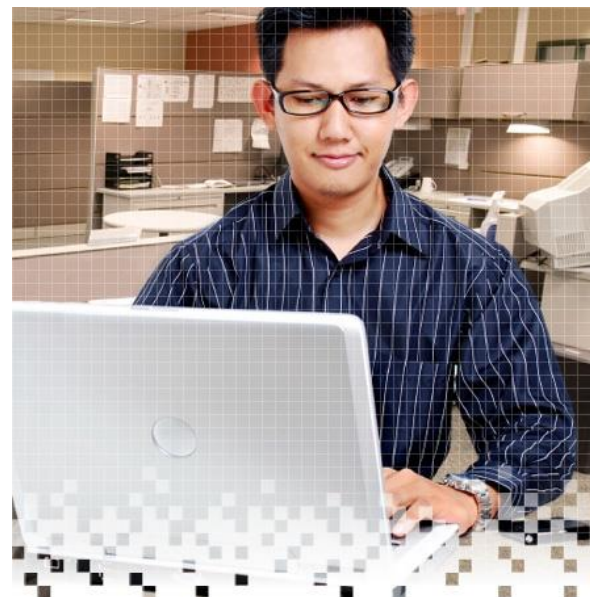
News & Announcements

- February 18, 2016 - Software Updates to SAS 5.0 and WinQI 5.0 -**New!**
- February 18, 2016 - Request for expert nominations to a Standing Work Group (SWG) for the AHRQ Quality Indicators (QIs) -**Updated! Deadline extended to February 26, 2016 for Standing Work Group nominations**

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HCUP Supplemental Files Can Only be Applied to HCUP Databases

- **Cost-to-Charge Ratio Files**
- **Hospital Market Structure Files**
- **Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses**
- **Trend Weights Files (NIS & KID)**
- **NIS Hospital Ownership File**
- **AHA Linkage Files**



Cost-to-Charge Ratio (CCR) Files

- Enable conversion of charge data to cost data on the NIS, KID, NRD, and SID

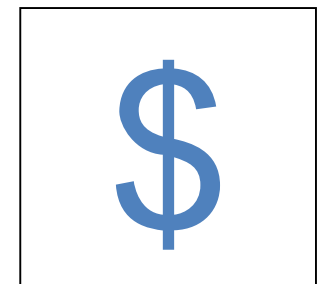


**Hospital-Level
Data**



	A	B	C
1	HOSPID	APICC	GAPICC
2	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
3	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
4	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
5	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
6	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
7	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx

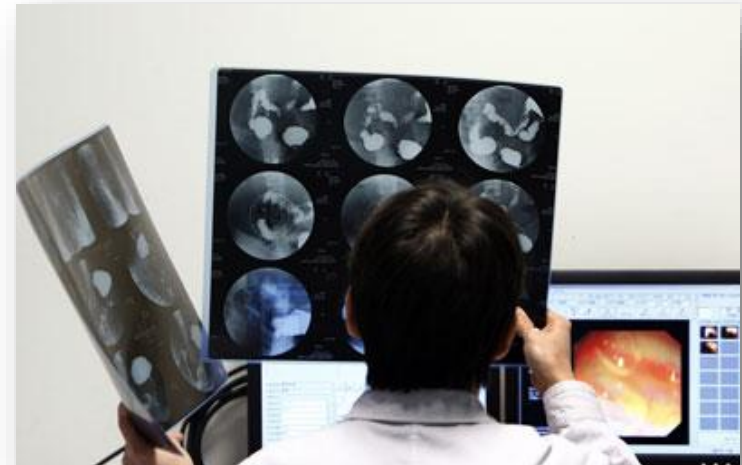
Apply Ratios



**Convert Total
Charges to Costs**

Hospital Market Structure (HMS) Files

- Contain various measures of hospital market competition
- Allow users to broadly characterize the intensity of competition that hospitals face
 - ▶ Using various definitions of market area





HCUP Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses



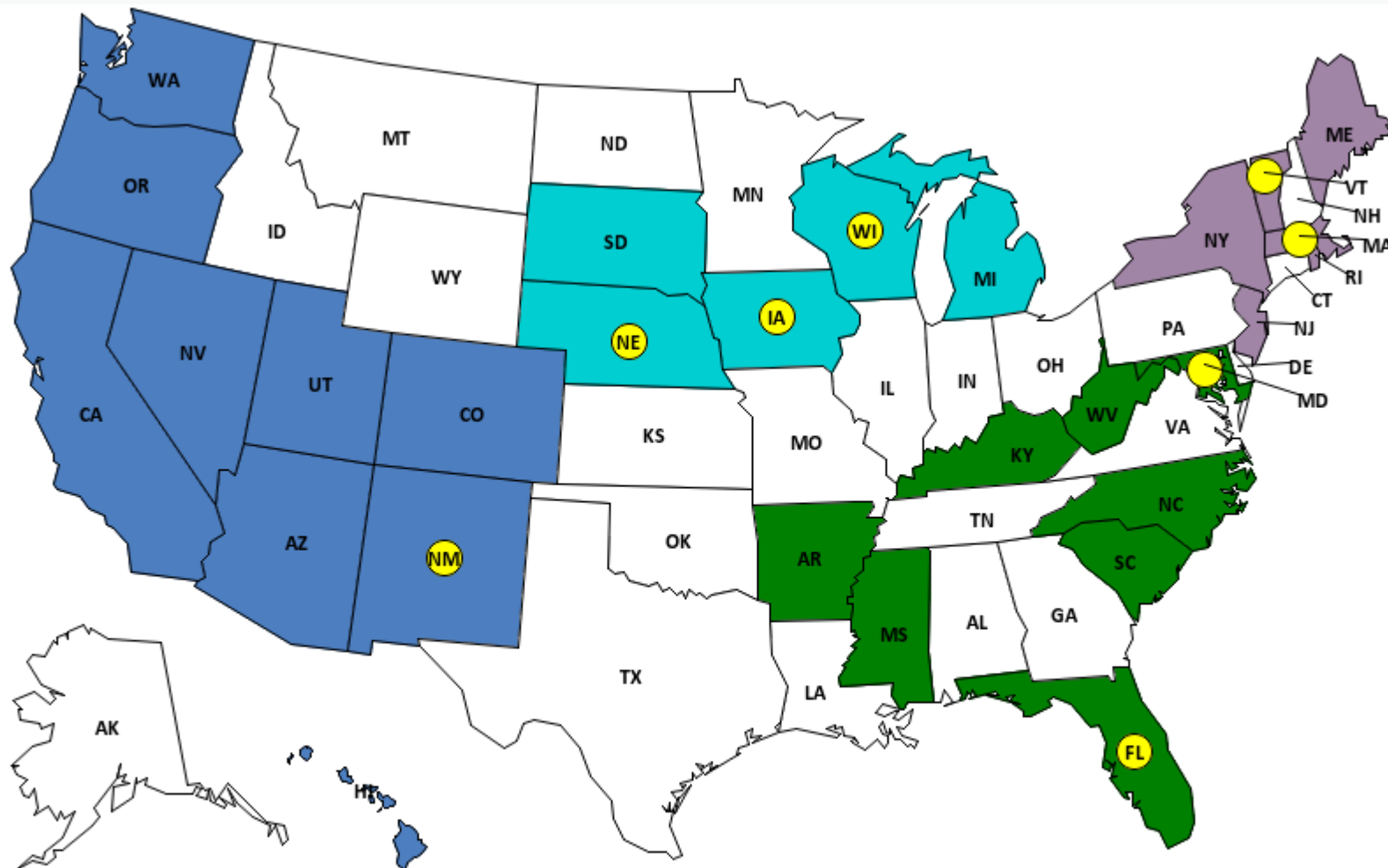
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- Allows linkage across settings and time
 - ▶ Hospital readmissions
 - ▶ ED visits following hospital discharge
 - ▶ Inpatient hospitalizations following ambulatory surgery visits
- Adheres to strict privacy guidelines

HCUP Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses

- There are two HCUP supplemental variables:
 1. Synthetic person-level identifiers
 - Verified against the patient's date of birth and gender
 - Examined for completeness (VisitLink)
 2. Timing variable determines the number of days between events for an individual (DaysToEvent)
 - Without the use of actual dates
- HCUP revisit variables can be used only with the SID, SASD, and SEDD (not nationwide databases) for States with encrypted patient identifiers
- National revisit statistics are available on HCUPnet

2014 SID States with Revisit Variables



Not in Central Distributor SID

Northeast

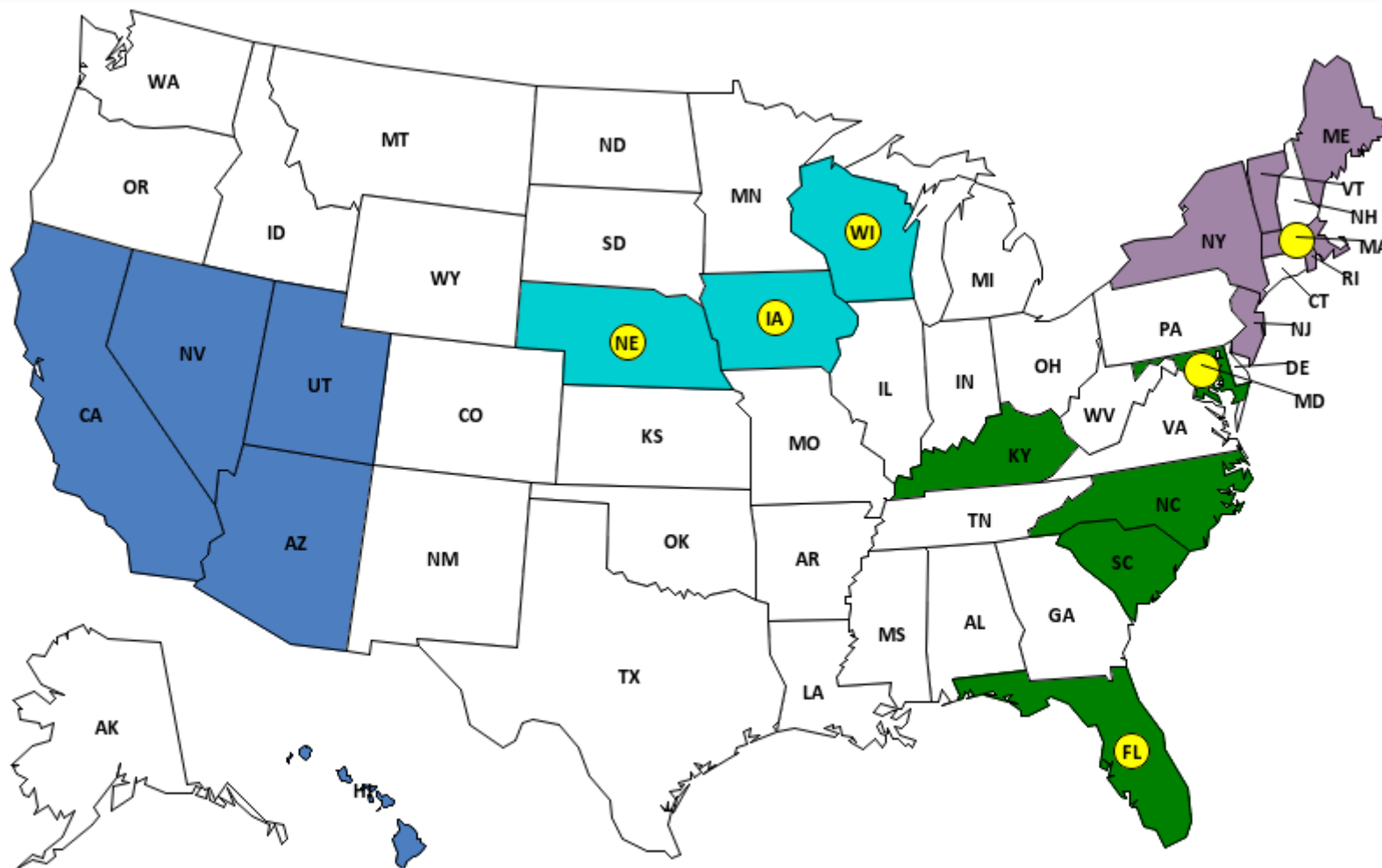
Midwest

South

West

Revisit variables

2014 SEDD States with Revisit Variables



Not in Central Distributor SEDD

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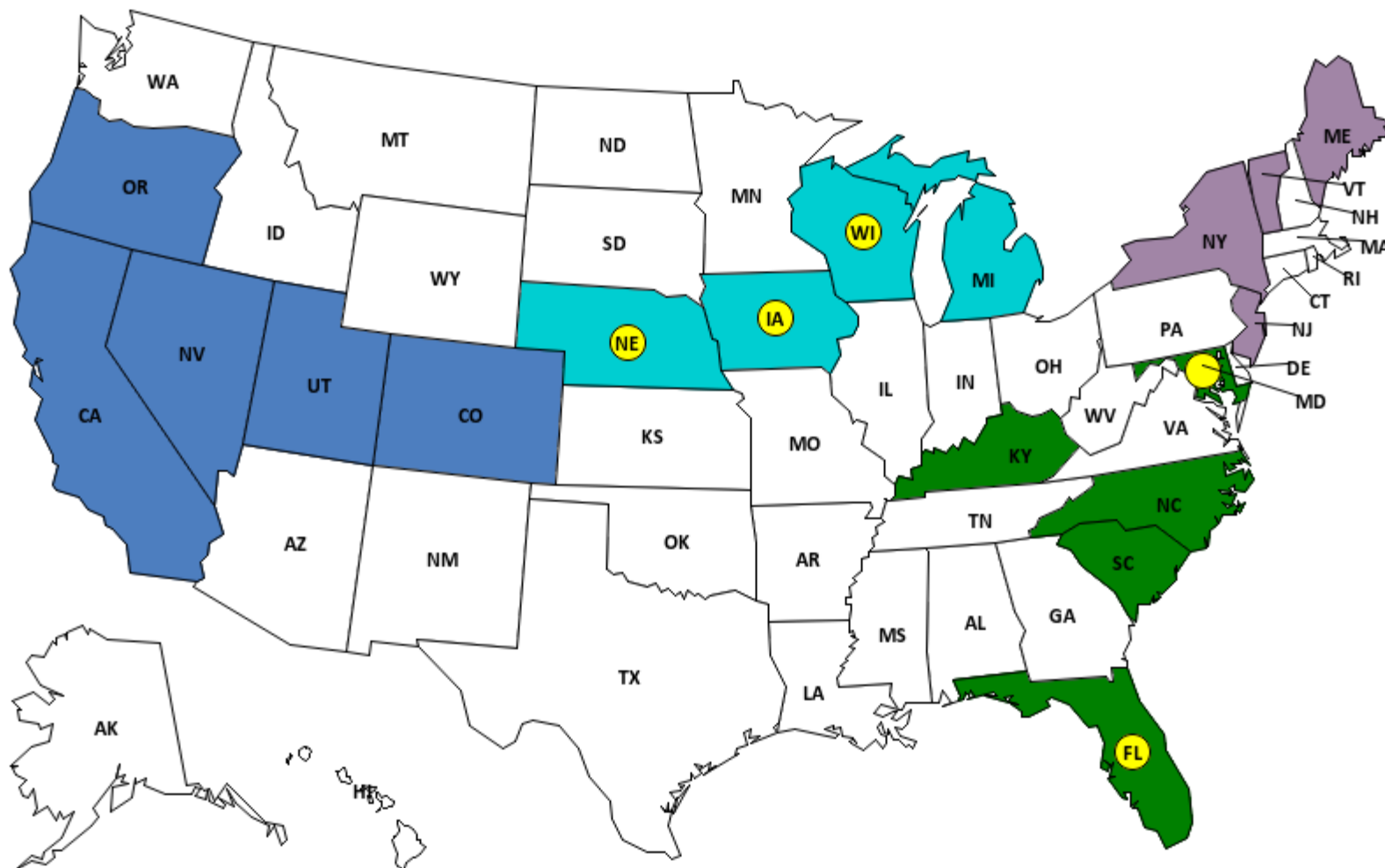
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2014 SASD States with Revisit Variables



Not in Central Distributor SASD

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Revisit variables

Additional HCUP Supplemental Files

■ Trend Weights Files (NIS & KID)

- Discharge-level files that provide trend weights and data elements that are consistently defined across data years

■ NIS Hospital Ownership File

- Hospital-level files facilitate analysis of the NIS by hospital ownership categories

■ AHA Linkage Files

- Enable researchers to link hospital identifiers in some State databases to the AHA Annual Survey Databases

http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tools_software.jsp

HCUPnet
 HCUPnet is an interactive tool for identifying, tracking, analyzing, and comparing statistics on hospital and emergency care. HCUPnet provides statistics from the HCUP Nationwide Databases ([NIS](#), [KID](#), [NEDS](#), and [NRD](#)) and the State Databases ([SID](#), [SASD](#), and [SEDD](#)) for those States that have agreed to participate.

MONAHRQ
 MONAHRQ is a software product that enables organizations - such as state and local data organizations, Chartered Value Exchanges, hospital systems, and health plans - to input their own hospital administrative data and generate a data-driven Web site.

AHRQ Quality Indicators (QIs)
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HCUP Tools & Software

The HCUP Tools and Software are analytic methods that, when applied to HCUP databases, systematically create new data elements from existing data, thereby enhancing a researcher's ability to conduct analyses. While designed to be used with HCUP databases, they may be applied to other administrative databases as well.

Tools for ICD-9-CM

ICD-9-CM codes were frozen in preparation for ICD-10 implementation and regular maintenance of the codes has been suspended. The HCUP Tools for ICD-9-CM should only be used with data for discharges before 10/1/2015.

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) for ICD-9-CM

[Clinical Classifications Software \(CCS\)](#) provides a method for classifying ICD-9-CM diagnoses or procedures into clinically meaningful categories, which can be used for aggregate statistical reporting of a variety of types. (Updated for codes valid through FY 2015.)

Chronic Condition Indicator

The [Chronic Condition Indicator \(CCI\)](#) provides users an easy way to categorize ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes into one of two categories: chronic or not chronic. The tool can also assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes into 1 of 18 body system categories. (Codes valid through FY 2015.)

Comorbidity Software

[Comorbidity Software](#) assigns variables that identify coexisting conditions on hospital discharge records. (Codes valid through FY 2015.)

Procedure Classes

[Procedure Classes](#) facilitate research on hospital services using administrative data by identifying whether a procedure is (a) diagnostic or therapeutic, and (b) minor or major in terms of invasiveness and/or resource use. (Updated for codes valid through FY 2015.)

CPT Based Tools

★ Surgery Flags

[Surgery Flags](#) identify surgical procedures and encounters in ICD-9-CM or CPT-based inpatient and ambulatory surgery data. Two types of surgical categories are identified: NARROW surgery is based on a narrow, targeted, and restrictive definition and includes invasive surgical procedures. BROAD surgery includes procedures that fall under the NARROW category but adds less invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures that may be often performed in surgical settings. Users must agree to a license to use the Surgery Flags before accessing the software. (Updated for codes valid through 2015.)

Clinical Classifications Software for Services and Procedures

[CCS-Services and Procedures](#) provides a method for classifying Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes into clinically meaningful procedure categories. The procedure categories

Tools for ICD-10-CM/PCS

HCUP tools have been translated to ICD-10-CM/PCS in anticipation of conversion to the new coding system on October 1, 2015. We welcome comments. If you have questions or suggestions for changes, please contact hcup@ahrq.gov.

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Other Tools

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) for Mortality Reporting

[Clinical Classifications Software \(CCS\) for mortality reporting](#) provides a method for classifying ICD-10 mortality diagnoses into clinically meaningful categories, which can be used for aggregate statistical reporting of a variety of types. Note that this tool was developed for the original ICD-10 system for mortality reporting; not ICD-10-CM/PCS coding which will be implemented on October 1, 2015. Codes are valid through 2009.

Utilization Flags

[Utilization Flags](#) reveal additional information about use of health care services by combining information from ICD-10-CM/PCS

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HCUPnet: Quick, Free Access to HCUP Data



- Free, interactive online query system
- Users generate tables of outcomes by diagnoses and procedures
- Data can be cross-classified by patient and hospital characteristics

<http://hcupnet.ahrq.gov/>



HCUPnet Can Answer a Variety of Questions



- What percentage of hospitalizations for children are uninsured, by State?
- What are the most expensive conditions treated in U.S. hospitals?
- What is the trend in admissions for depression?
- Will there be a sufficient number of cases to do my analysis?
- How do my estimates and calculations compare with HCUPnet (validation)?

- Step-by-step queries on:
 - ▶ Hospital inpatient (NIS, KID, SID)
 - ▶ ED visits (NEDS, SEDD)
 - ▶ Ambulatory surgeries
 - ▶ National and regional statistics
- Specialized queries:
 - ▶ Mental health related stays
 - ▶ Stays by expected payer
 - ▶ Hospital-level statistics
- Ready-to-use:
 - ▶ National benchmarks for healthcare quality indicators based on the AHRQ Quality Indicators
 - ▶ “Quick national or State statistics”
 - ▶ Readmissions
 - ▶ Community-level statistics

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National Statistics on All Stays

Create your own statistics for national and regional estimates on hospital use for all patients from the HCUP National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample (NIS). Overview of the National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample (NIS) [↗](#)

National Statistics on Mental Health Hospitalizations

Interested in acute care hospital stays for mental health and substance abuse? Create your own national statistics from the NIS.

State Statistics on All Stays

Create your own statistics on stays in hospitals for participating States from the HCUP State Inpatient Databases (SID). Overview of the State Inpatient Databases (SID) [↗](#)

Hospital Readmissions

Readmission Summary Tables

Ready-to-use information on readmissions to the hospital within 30 days of discharge.

Statistics on Ambulatory Surgery Use

Statistics on Ambulatory Surgery

Create your own statistics on ambulatory surgeries for participating States from the HCUP State Ambulatory Surgery and Services Databases (SASD). Compare to statistics on inpatient surgeries for participating States from the HCUP State Inpatient Databases (SID).

Overview of the State Ambulatory Surgery and Services Databases (SASD) [↗](#) Overview of the State Inpatient Databases (SID) [↗](#)

Statistics on Emergency Department Use

National Statistics on All ED Visits

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State Statistics on All ED Visits

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Create your own statistics for national estimates on use of hospitals by children (age 0-17 years) from the HCUP Kids' Inpatient Database (KID). Overview of the Kids' Inpatient Database (KID) [↗](#)

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- New 2013 readmission data added. (09/30/2015)
- Maps are now available on the Community-Level Statistics path. (06/08/2015)
- 2013 data for participating States. (04/09/2015)
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Brief description - what is HCUP?


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HCUP Fast Stats

Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Hospital Use

- [State-Level Trends in Inpatient Stays for Medicaid and Uninsured Patients](#)

National Hospital Utilization and Costs

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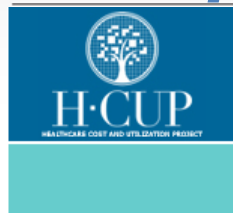
Uses of Fast Stats

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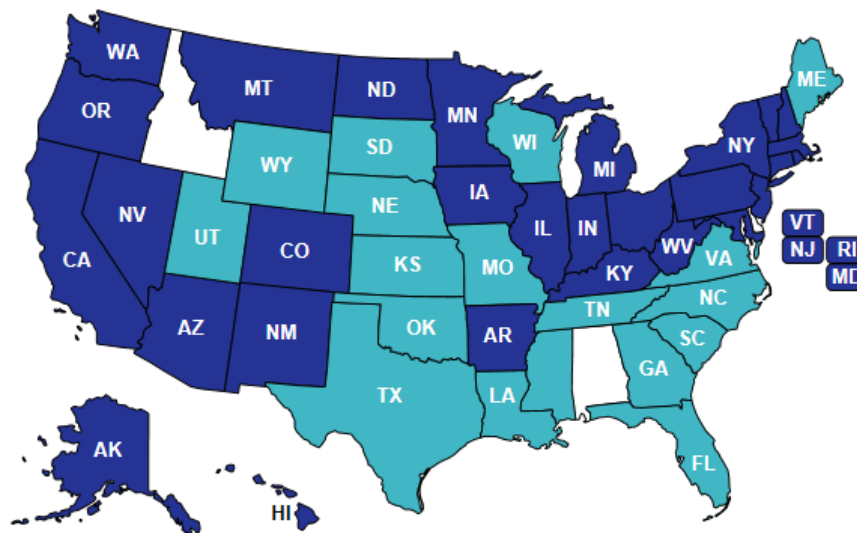
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Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Hospital Use

Click map to select one of the identified States, or select from list and click Select: *Medicaid expansion State

Information is not available for all States.

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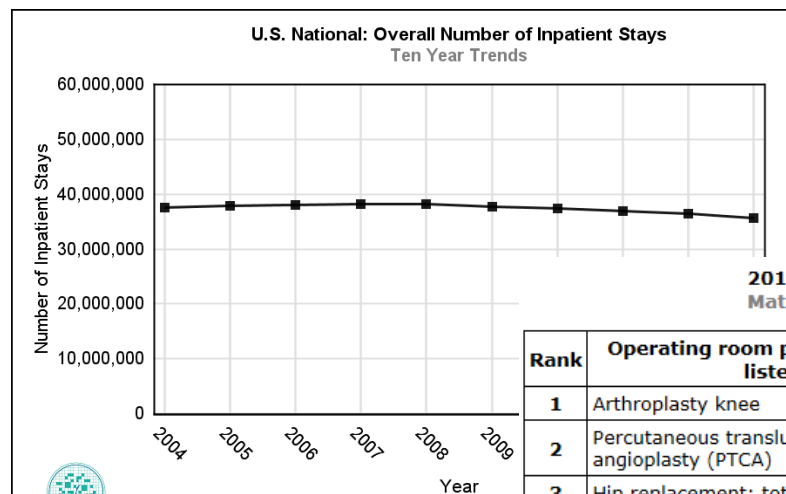
Medicaid expansion States

Medicaid nonexpansion States

Non-HCUP States

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- Includes information on trends in inpatient stays, the most common diagnoses for inpatient stays, and the most common operations during inpatient stays.



2013 U.S. National Inpatient Stays
Maternal/Neonatal Stays Included

Rank	Principal diagnosis	Total number of stays	Rate of stays per 100,000
1	Liveborn	3,764,533	1,196
2	Septicemia (except in labor)	1,297,045	412
3	Osteoarthritis	1,023,070	325
4	Pneumonia (except that caused by tuberculosis or sexually transmitted disease)	960,594	305

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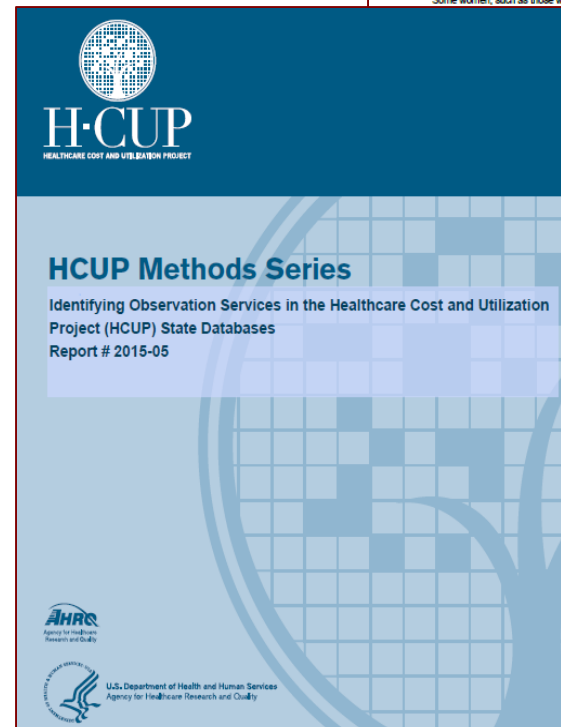
Rank	Operating room procedures (all-listed)	Total number of stays	Rate of stays per 100,000
1	Arthroplasty knee	732,550	233
2	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)	498,975	158
3	Hip replacement; total and partial	493,675	157
4	Spinal fusion	454,550	144
5	Laminectomy; excision intervertebral disc	452,115	144
6	Other OR procedures on vessels other than head and neck	421,995	134
7	Cholecystectomy and common duct exploration	387,980	123
8	Partial excision bone	344,915	110
9	Colorectal resection	302,485	96
10	Excision; lysis peritoneal adhesions	295,020	94

Intensive	882,179	280
	835,623	265
	709,560	225
sease	644,744	205
or graft	631,960	201
perium	625,390	199

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project

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STATISTICAL BRIEF #202

March 2016

Mental and Substance Use Disorders Among Hospitalized Teenagers, 2012

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Introduction

Young people are at increased risk for mental and substance use disorders (M/SUDs) because of a number of factors, including rapid physical and emotional changes, family history, home environment, and peer influences.^{1,2} In the United States, one in five young people between the ages of 13 and 18 years (21.4 percent) are currently experiencing or have had a seriously debilitating mental disorder at some point in the past.³ During 2012, 9.1 percent of young people between the ages of 12 and 17 years (about 2.2 million) experienced a major depressive episode—and among these, an estimated 34.0 percent (753,000) also used illicit drugs.⁴ Further, epidemiologic surveys of adults suggest that substance use among young people frequently continues and worsens into adulthood. For example, the prevalence of alcohol use disorders is consistently higher among adults who initiated use by age 14 years than among those who first used at age 18 years or older.⁵ Thus, effective prevention, treatment, and recovery support services targeting young people with M/SUDs represent a critical opportunity not only to improve functioning and well-being in the short term but also to affect the life course trajectories of emerging adults.

The delivery and financing of M/SUD care for young people have undergone tremendous changes in the past 30 years in

Highlights

- In 2012, 310,100 community hospital stays among teenagers (ages 13 to 19 years) included at least one mental or substance use disorder diagnosis more than one-for stays in this age group.
- Females made up stays with mental but only 35.7 percent substance use disorders (44.7 percent with mental and substance disorders).
- Mood disorders were common mental disorders, followed by attention disorders (65,800 and 61,700 stays).
- The rate of stays in and conduct disorder percent lower for 13-year-olds (1 stay per 100,000 year-olds; 251 stays per 100,000 population).
- Cannabis use disorder (54,100 stays) and alcohol use disorder (14,500 stays).
- The rate of stays in use disorders was times higher among than among 13-year-olds: 137 stays per 100,000 population; 13-year-olds: 137 stays per 100,000 population.

STATISTICAL BRIEF #201

February 2016

Trends in Bilateral and Unilateral Mastectomies in Hospital Inpatient and Ambulatory Settings, 2005–2013

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Introduction

Mastectomy (surgical removal of the breast) is a common procedure used in the treatment of breast cancer. Although 97–99 percent of breast cancers occur in only one breast,¹ some women choose also to remove the healthy breast—a contralateral prophylactic mastectomy (CPM). Reasons that women elect to undergo CPM include physician advice, fear of a subsequent breast cancer diagnosis, desire for cosmetic symmetry, family history of breast cancer, and genetic susceptibility to breast cancer due to mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes.^{2,3} Some women, such as those with a genetic predisposition to breast cancer, may choose to have prophylactic bilateral mastectomy without occurrence of cancer in either breast.

Research indicates that the proportion of women choosing mastectomy over breast-conserving surgery, such as lumpectomy, increased from 1998 to 2011.⁴ Much of this increase is attributed to an increase in bilateral mastectomy involving early-stage cancer in one breast and CPM of the other breast.⁵ Indeed, among women undergoing treatment for early-stage breast cancer, the percentage of those having CPM increased more than fivefold between 1998 and 2011 (from 1.9 to 11.2 percent).⁶ During this approximate time period, from 2002 through 2012, the incidence of breast cancer overall remained stable at around 130 per 100,000 women.⁷

Highlights

- Between 2005 and 2013, the overall rate of mastectomy increased 36 percent, from 66 to 90 per 100,000 adult women. The rate of hospital-based bilateral mastectomies (inpatient and outpatient combined) more than tripled, from 9.1 to 29.7 per 100,000 adult women, whereas the rate of unilateral mastectomies remained relatively stable at around 60 per 100,000 women.
- Women who had a bilateral mastectomy in 2013 were about 10 years younger than those who had a unilateral mastectomy.
- From 2005 to 2013, the rate of bilateral mastectomies increased more than fivefold and the inpatient rate nearly tripled. The rate of unilateral mastectomies nearly doubled in the outpatient setting but decreased 28 percent in the inpatient setting. By 2013, nearly half of all mastectomies were performed outpatient.
- Regardless of hospital setting, between 2005 and 2013, bilateral mastectomies with cancer more than tripled and bilateral mastectomies without cancer more than doubled. The rate of unilateral mastectomies without cancer also increased (by 38 percent), but the rate of unilateral mastectomies with cancer remained stable.
- The proportion of hospital-based mastectomies shifted away from unilateral mastectomies with breast cancer and toward bilateral mastectomies, with and without breast cancer. By 2013, more than one in four hospital-based mastectomies were bilateral with cancer.

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STATISTICAL BRIEF #200

January 2016

Procedures to Treat Benign Uterine Fibroids in Hospital Inpatient and Hospital-Ambulatory Surgery Settings, 2013

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Introduction

Of 50, as many as 70–80 percent of women will have fibroids (leiomyomas)—typically benign tumors of the uterus. For many women, uterine fibroids pose no health problems and are asymptomatic. For others, uterine fibroids symptoms such as heavy bleeding, pain, and frequent urination are associated with an increased risk of complications.¹ Some women are more likely than others to have severe symptoms.² Research also shows that, compared with White women, Black women have fibroids at a younger age and have more severe (larger size, number, and growth rate).^{3,4,5}

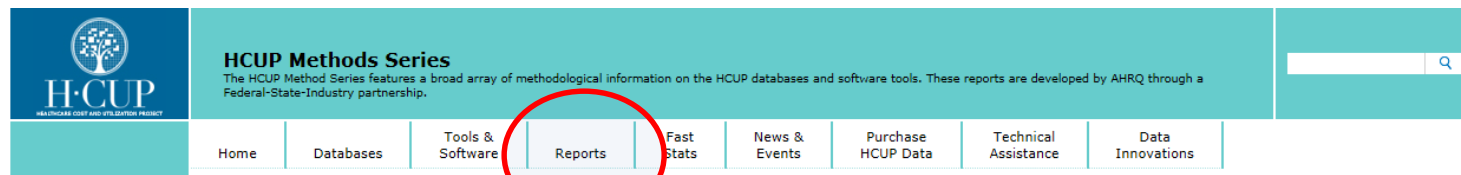
With symptomatic fibroids, a variety of treatment options are available.⁶ Women with mild symptoms may choose treatments such as pain relievers and hormonal drugs. Moderate to severe symptoms may need surgery to remove the fibroids. Common surgical treatment options include hysterectomy (removing the uterus), myomectomy (removing the fibroid embolization (blocking the blood supply to

Highlights

- In 2013, four surgical procedures for benign uterine fibroids were about as common in the hospital-based ambulatory surgery (AS) setting as in the inpatient setting (47.8 vs. 52.2 percent). Compared with inpatient stays, AS visits had a shorter average length of stay (0.6 vs. 2.3 days) and lower average hospital charges (\$25,200 vs. \$28,000).
- Between 2005 and 2013, the overall rate of hysterectomy decreased by 20 percent, from 210.8 to 168.0 per 100,000 women aged 15–54 years. This change was driven by a 52 percent decrease in the rate of inpatient hysterectomy. The rate of AS hysterectomy increased by over 400 percent during this time period.
- The rate of inpatient myomectomy decreased by 29 percent, and the rate of AS myomectomy remained relatively constant. The rate of both inpatient and AS uterine fibroid embolization increased by approximately 170 percent. The rate of endometrial ablation decreased in both the inpatient and AS settings (40 and 19 percent decrease, respectively).
- To treat benign uterine fibroids, Black and Hispanic women more commonly had inpatient surgery whereas White women more commonly had AS.
- Private insurance was the predominant expected payer for both inpatient stays and AS visits involving procedures to treat benign uterine fibroids. Medicaid paid for more inpatient stays than AS visits.

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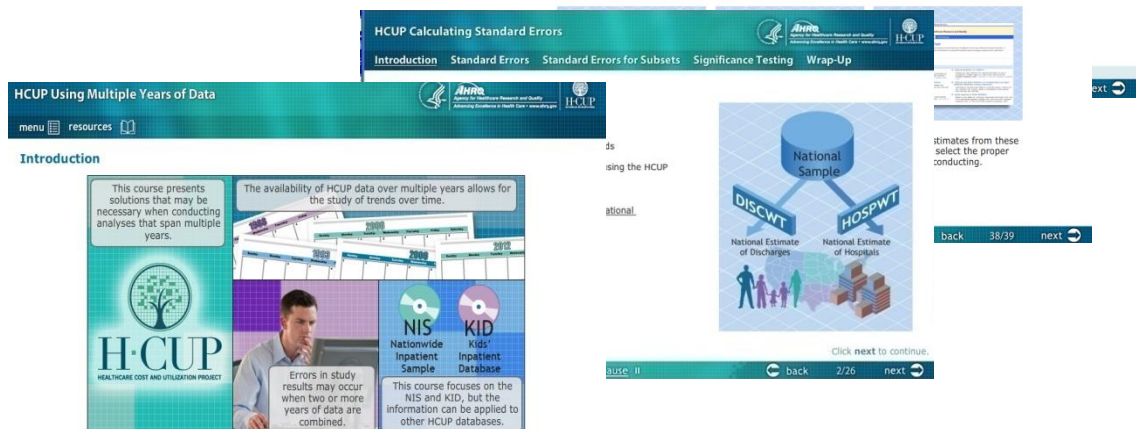
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